

To Whom It May Concern:

I find it quite ironic that the Christians in this country who believe in our right to free speech have been silenced in our efforts to live a life the way we believe. Atheists' have a right to speak, abortionists have a right to speak, and anyone who disagrees with 'our' way of life has a right to speak. However, by forcibly regulating by a secular hand the radio stations we love and enjoy and many of us pay for on a monthly basis, you're taking our right to free speech away. You cannot bring in people who don't promote our way and then say its free speech. Just like television, if they don't like what they hear, they don't have to listen. This is not a freedom of speech issue; it's simply the notion of controlling one more thing in the lives of Christians and silencing our ideologies.

KLOVE for instance is a listener supported radio station and I pay on a monthly basis to ensure its survival. This allows the station to continue without interruption from outside people. I find it hard to believe that if I'm paying for a station to stay on the air, that you somehow have the right to dictate what I'm listening to. That is absurd. Many secular radio stations don't have listeners who support them financially and in turn they have commercials from anyone who will pay for a time slot, however KLOVE isn't one of those stations. Because we pay for this station we have the right to say what gets played and what commercials are appropriate for that station.

For my family, we enjoy listening to the inspiring music, the DJ's who give God's scripture and it's never condemning to anyone who would be listening. It's uplifting and joyous. If I don't like the music on a rap station, I'm not going to continue to listen to it; I'm going to change the channel. That is not the music I want my family to listen to, its derogatory, it's condemning, it has fowl language and I don't believe it serves a purpose other than just the right to speak what they want. Again having the freedom of speech, which is their right and I cannot trample on it. If I want the same rights as the other secular radio stations, I have to allow them the rights to broadcast whatever they choose and not forcibly put Christians and clergy on their board to dictate what should go out on the air waves. It's their choice.

So unless you're going to force Christians and clergy to be on the boards for every radio station in the country, you should not allow influences from outside the Christian world to dictate a Christian radio station, especially if it's financially listener supported.

Thank you for your time and understanding.
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